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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PEBR, KS, CA

SUBJECT: ROK DEFECTOR IN CANADA

REF: A. OTTAWA 2339 B. SEOUL 3809

- 1. EMBOFF MAY 10 BRIEFLY DISCUSSED SUBJECT MATTER WITH OFFICIAL IN NORTHEAST ASIAN DIV., DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF). OFFICIAL REPEATED POINT IN PARA 4 REF A THAT CANADIANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO DOWNPLAY THE MATTER. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ROK APPEARS TO BE REACTING IN MORE DRAMATIC FASHION. HE SAID THAT ROK CONSUL SHIN-CHUN PARK, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A KCIA OFFICIAL, HAD LEFT TORONTO AND CANADA FOR PARTS UNKNOWN. HE NOTED FURTHER THAT THE KCIA REP (HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) IN OTTAWA HAS LEFT ON "HOME LEAVE".
- 2. COMMENT: EXTAFF IS HOPING THAT THE CONTROVERSY WILL BLOW OVER. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER MEDIA PLAY OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, AND EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON HAS NOT BEEN QUESTIONED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE SUBJECT. JAMIESON THEREFORE HAS NOT HAD TO USE PREPARED TEXT REFERRED TO IN PARA 4 REF A. EXTAFF OFFICIAL INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HOPES FOR NO FURTHER PUBLICITY MAY BE OVERLY CONFIDENTIAL

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OPTIMISTIC. HE SAID THAT ANTI-PARK GOVERNMENT ELEMENT IN RESIDENT KOREAN COMMUNITY IS VOCAL AND WILL PROBABLY TRY TO GET MORE MILEAGE OUT OF THE "DEFECTION". IN ADDITION, IF GOC DOES NOT GRANT YUNG-MAN YANG LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS, THERE WILL LIKELY BE FURTHER UPROAR. ENDERS

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